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## Federal License Plate Program

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# Who are we?

## GSA's Office of Government-wide Policy, Office of Asset and Transportation Management, Vehicle Policy Division

- Vehicle Policy's:
  - Mission: Motor vehicle management policy seeks to improve management and enhance the performance of the motor vehicle fleets operated by federal agencies.
- Monitoring Federal Fleet Performance
  - Continuous evaluation of federal motor vehicle management programs and policies;
  - Examining new technologies and automated systems;
  - Analyzing the impact of current and proposed regulations, laws, Executive Orders, and international agreements;
  - Facilitating the Federal Fleet Policy Council (FEDFLEET); and
  - Education and training of federal fleet management professionals



# What is the Vehicle Policy Division's Role in the Federal License Plate Program?

- Provides Federal Management Regulation (FMR) guidance to executive agencies for the identification and registration of Federal motor vehicles
  - ❖ *Motor Vehicle Identification*, FMR 102-34.85-105
  - ❖ *License Plates*, FMR 102-34.110-150
  - ❖ *Identification Exemptions*, FMR 102-34.155-195
- Establishes license plate codes (prefixes)
  - ❖ FMR Bulletin B-11, *US Government License Plate Codes*

# Circle of Life for License Plates

1. Manufacture & Shipment
2. Received at Agency
3. Use (Attached to a Vehicle)
4. Excess – Returned for Destruction
5. Plates Shredded at UNICOR & Recycled

# How have Federal License Plate Changed in the Last 15 years?

- License Plates Have an Expiration Date (8 years)
- All Plates are Registered in Federal Motor Vehicle Registration System (FMVRS) & Tracked From Manufacture Until Destroyed (Barcodes)
- License Plates Must be Returned to UNICOR for Destruction
- Plates Cannot be Reassigned to Another Vehicle – Use Once and Return for Destruction
- Law Enforcement Can Check Registration and Status
- Plate design has evolved to enhance security and tracking





# Purpose of the License Plate Design

The license plate design and the information displayed are designed to meet the following regulatory and the statutory requirements:

## **§102-34.90—What motor vehicle identification must we display on Government motor vehicles?**

Unless exempted under [102-34.160](#), [102-34.175](#) or [102-34.180](#), Government motor vehicles must display the following identification:

- (a) “For Official Use Only”;
- (b) “U.S. Government”; and
- (c) Identification that readily identifies the agency owning the vehicle.

The regulation uses the “readily identifies” but the statute uses “conspicuously identified”.

40 U.S. Code Chapter 5, Subchapter VI - MOTOR VEHICLE POOLS AND  
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

40 U.S. Code § 609 - Identification of vehicles



# Why do we have “A” & “B” Plates?

Experience has shown that a pair of plates very often goes in two different directions:

# Why do we have “A” & “B” Plates?

- It is impossible to track the status of both license plates using one record for a two-plate pair.
- The FMVRS has been redesigned to have two records for each license plate “pair”...an “A” and a “B” plate.
- The status of each plate is tracked from the date of manufacture until returned for destruction.
- The plate number is active until BOTH plates are returned for destruction.



# Why do license plates have expiration dates?

- Help identify valid plates.
- Help encourage immediate use.

If attached to the same vehicle, can expired license plates be replaced with new plates with the same tag number but new expiration dates?

Yes! UNICOR online store allows agencies to order plates with the same tag numbers but new expiration dates.

Why not use stickers to display new expiration dates?

- Security – License plates are already too easy to duplicate, misplace, or stolen. Stickers would be even easier!
- Administrative nightmare

# Once a vehicle has been disposed of, can the un-expired license plates be attached to another vehicle?

No. Per Federal Management Regulation 102-34.130(c):

“Display the U.S. Government license plates until the Government motor vehicle is removed from Government service or is transferred outside the agency, or until the plates are damaged and require replacement. *U.S. Government license plates shall only be used for one Government motor vehicle and shall not be reissued to another Government motor vehicle.*”

## Why?

- Security
- Vehicle and tag combination stays in FMVRS forever!

# What is UNICOR's license plate role?

GSA has established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on behalf of all Federal agencies with UNICOR to provide official U.S. Government license plates.

## UNICOR:

- Provides an plate ordering web page and an account for each agency purchasing plates
- Produces and ships license plates
- Remakes damaged plates (must return the damaged plate)
- Transfers license plate records to FMVRS
- Shreds returned plates and provides certificates of destruction

# How do we order license plates from UNICOR?

[http://www.unicor.gov/fleet/license\\_plates](http://www.unicor.gov/fleet/license_plates)

Contact UNICOR at: 800-827-3168 or  
[CUSGDLP@central.unicor.gov](mailto:CUSGDLP@central.unicor.gov)



# How do we order replacements for expired tags?



# How do we return license plates for destruction or recycling?

Log into FMVRS and select “Vehicle Tag and details”



# One Last Thing: Law Enforcement Involvement with License Plates

## National Law Enforcement Telecommunications Service (NLETS):

FMVRS sends a message to NLETS that is relayed to Law Enforcement Officer when querying a US Government plate

## GSA Office of the Inspector General:

GSA OIG Office of Investigations can provide investigative assistance to Federal, State, Local or military law enforcement.

Monitors on-line sales sites for Federal plates.

## Federal Protective Service:

Monitors and scans plates near Federal buildings. Investigates **stolen/missing** plates. Implements Operation Reduced Risk.



# Contact Us

## Use of FMVRS:

Contact the FMVRS Help Desk:

866-472-6711

[gsafleet@gsa.gov](mailto:gsafleet@gsa.gov)

## License Plate Ordering:

Contact UNICOR at:

800-827-3168

[CUSGDLP@central.unicor.gov](mailto:CUSGDLP@central.unicor.gov)

## License Plate Policy:

Contact the Office of Government-wide Policy

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